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# BULLDOZERS GET IN GEAR

### Shoeburyness sorting office may go as housing plans set for approval

By Michael Cox

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A FORMER sorting office in Shoeburyness could be demolished to make way for housing after outline plans were recommended for approval.

Plans submitted by property company Telereal Trillium would see the building in George Street demolished and a block of nine flats built in its place.

The building had previously been used by the Royal Mail as Shoeburyness Sorting Office.

Contained in a report that will be presented to councillors at a meeting on Wednesday May 10, the applicant said that the building was used as a delivery office until February 2014, with a small section being run as a post office until the end of April last year.



THE LAST POST: The former sorting office in George Street

In the report, planning officer Janine Rowley said that although the building was not unattractive, its character had been "eroded" by an extension to its rear.

She wrote: "It is not considered that this proposal has sufficient heritage value to warrant its retention and therefore there is no objection in principle to the loss of this building and redevelopment of this site."

A previous application to demolish the building had been refused last year, but Ms Rowley felt the new proposal had overcome the reasons for the earlier refusal.

She added that the proposed development would not be "so out-of-keeping" with the character of the surrounding area.

She recommended outline planning permission was granted and the application was due to be considered at a meeting on Wednesday.

## School children raise £4,000 in marathon bonanza

CHILDREN at a Southend school have raised around £4,000 for a hospice in Thundersley by completing four marathons.

Pupils at Alleyn Court Preparatory School, in Wakering Road, took part in marathon relays that saw teams of five- to 11-year-olds complete the 26.2-mile distance on Friday, April 28, to raise money for Little Havens Hospice.

Noel Smith, director of sport and activities at Alleyn Court, said: "We regularly fundraise for charities; but we wanted our

pupils to help a local charity rather than a larger national charity for this particular event.

"We chose Little Havens Hospice because we wanted our pupils to see that there are other children in their community who are less fortunate than them, and that by supporting local charities they can make a difference in their community.

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# 'Perhaps I'll go to the space station and do a gig there'

GUITAR legend Wilko Johnson tells *Charles Thomson* about hitting 70, not knowing Justin Bieber and why he'll never leave the Thames Estuary

## EXCLUSIVE

WILKO Johnson never envisaged he would one day headline the Royal Albert Hall – but admits nothing surprises him anymore.

"Over the last four or five years, this is just the way my life's gone."

In 2013, doctors at Southend Hospital diagnosed him with pancreatic cancer and gave him 10 months to live.

He rejected treatment and embarked on a farewell tour.

The publicity left him more in-demand than he had been since his Dr Feelgood heyday. A "completely mad year" culminated in a successful album with Roger Daltrey.

Fifteen months after diagnosis it transpired his cancer was not terminal but had grown to the size of a football and spread to several organs. The surgery to remove it left him very weak.

"It took me a long time to actually build up my strength," he says. "I never believed it was going to come back."

He is now on the road for two years and in September will mark his 70th birthday year with his first headline gig at the Albert Hall.

"What else could happen?" he jokes. "Perhaps I'll go out to the space station and do a gig."

Despite being "naturally very miserable", Wilko claims he is not grumpy about hitting 70.

"Well, I mean, it might not have happened at all, mightn't it?" he laughs.

"Perhaps I shouldn't call it 70. Perhaps I should call it plus four."



**EVERGREEN:** Wilko Johnson says he is bursting with energy

Apart from the Albert Hall show he has no celebrations planned and normally takes no notice of birthdays.

He suspects his chums may plot a surprise party but is stumped as to how else he might celebrate.

"I have no idea at all. Invite all the bands off Top of the Pops round to my house for a... Oh, we don't have that anymore, do we? That's how clued in I am. Like most old geezers, I'm quite proud to be completely out of touch and contemptuous of whatever's going on."

So he's not a Justin Bieber fan?

"I have heard of this person but fur-

ther than that I'm completely ignorant."

Wilko has little interest in any music released since 1972, he claims. He will still go to see Bob Dylan, or "travel to Europe to see a good bluesman", but many of his heroes are no longer around.

Asked how long he will remain on the road, he replies: "The moment that I find myself physically unable to, I won't do it anymore. I don't want people to feel sorry for me. But right at the minute, I'm bursting with energy."

"I've been all around the world. There are many places that are worthily famous for all sort of things but in the end, it's round here that feels like home to me."

But he is less than enthusiastic about changes he has seen in Southend. He misses the Golden Hind, which his friend "French Henry" used to run.

They wander around town now, griping about how the Victoria Circus has been "destroyed" and the seafront looks "plastic".

But what keeps him here?

"I have to say, and I honestly believe this – I have been around the world and seen a lot of places, but I believe that the Thames Estuary is one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world. You just stand there and look out over the river, man – the weather, the sky is constantly changing and the river and everything that it evokes. It's a wonderful place. I will always be here."

■ The Wilko Johnson Band play the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday, September 26. Tickets from [www.thegigcartel.com](http://www.thegigcartel.com).



**LIFE-SAVERS:** Anthony Mathur, left, James Mitchell, Lillie Mitchell Hogan and Dr Roshan Weerackody

## Lillie's kayak fundraiser for team who saved grandad

A TEENAGE girl is taking on a 100-mile kayak challenge to thank hospital staff for saving her grandfather's life.

Lillie Mitchell Hogan, 14, will paddle along the River Wye in Wales to raise money for the Barts Charity.

Grandad James Mitchell, from Southend, was transferred to the Barts Heart Centre at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, in January after a heart attack.

A cardiac catheterisation procedure carried out by Dr Roshan Weerackody saved his life.

Lillie described hearing the news that her grandad had suffered a heart attack as "the scariest thing I had ever heard".

She added: "From that moment on my life changed and I quickly realised how easy it could've been to lose him."

To repay the cardiac team who treated her grandfather Lillie combined her passion for kayaking

with a fundraising challenge.

She said: "I would like to raise as much money as possible for the Barts Heart Centre because every girl, no matter how old they are, needs their grandad in their life."

With the help of her coach and mother Natalie, Lillie has created a 100-mile, four-day route on the Wye beginning on July 24.

It is 10 times further than Lillie has paddled before.

Natalie said: "It's a huge challenge and we have scheduled lots of safety training including how to resurface after capsizing and how to throw rope around a tree to pull yourself out of the water."

James met the doctors who saved his life in March, and said: "I can't thank the staff enough for fixing me and making it possible for me to see Lillie crossing the finish line."

For more go to [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lillie-Mitchell-Hogan?utm\\_id=27](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lillie-Mitchell-Hogan?utm_id=27).

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On Saturday, Prydz returns after headlining festivals around the world and working on his hugely anticipated Prydz 2017 album.

Swiss-born Solomun, one of the most featured DJs in the Ibiza calendar last summer, will also be there on Saturday, along with Sigma – a duo at their peak after back-to-back number one singles and Brit Award acclaim.

Joining Marco Carola, Knife Party, Sven Vath, Loco



DANCE ANTHEMS: South West Four Festival  
Photo by Graham Joy Photography

Dice and Sub Focus, on Sunday will be headliner Deadmau5, who, with a US tour pending and a residency on BBC Radio 1, will be on a mission to demonstrate why he is number one.

For more information and tickets visit [www.southwest-four.com/tickets](http://www.southwest-four.com/tickets)

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# Women's footie player sets up Southend Charity Cup

A FOOTBALL tournament has been set up to raise money for charity.

Lisa Weir has organised the Southend Charity Cup, a five-a-side event being held at PlayFootball in Prittlewell Chase, Southend, on June 4.

Lisa, from Southend, said all funds raised from the day will go to the committee of the Tram Stop Shelter, a charity that is trying to create seaside facilities for people with disabilities.

The competition is open to men and women, and participants do not need to belong to a club to take part.

Lisa plays for Wickford Ladies FC and said: "They are very inclusive and I'm so lucky to be a part of it, but not everyone has the opportunity to play for a club, which is why I set up the Southend Charity Cup.



ON THE BALL: Footballer Lisa Weir, with supporters of the Tram Stop Shelter

"Anyone can play in this grassroots tournament as the focus is on having fun, enjoying the game and fundraising for local charities.

"I hope that we make lots of money to help support the Tram Stop Shelter with

their exciting new community venture."

Teams of up to eight can enter, with an entry cost of £50 per team going to the charity.

Visit [www.southendcharitycup.yolasite.com](http://www.southendcharitycup.yolasite.com) or call Lisa on 07854 722007 to register.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

● A GUN-TOTING bigot threatened two Polish men as he drove past them on his mobility scooter, said Essex Police.

The incident, which is being treated as a hate crime, happened on Queensway shortly before 1pm on Saturday, April 15.

The man is described as white, clean shaven and bald. He is believed to be in his 50s, and was wearing a dark top and jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Mike Buckingham at Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

● RAIL operator Greater Anglia has denied a union's claim it is planning to shut down 57 ticket offices.

A company spokesman said: "We are reviewing responses to a public consultation about proposals to close seven little-used ticket offices. There are no

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Asked to respond to the statement, the RMT said: "Our release is a reflection of what we were told across the table. If Greater Anglia wants to write to us withdrawing their plans then we will take a look at that."

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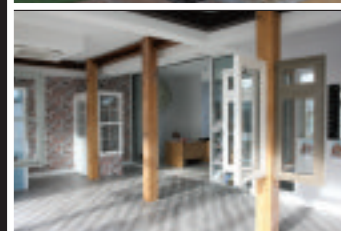
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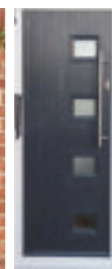
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# Dolly's 9 to 5 hits the stage

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The production, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, is based on the 1980s film of the same name. It centres on the working lives of three women – Violet, Judy and Doralee – who all work for Franklin Hart, a sexist, egotistical bigot. The story follows the women as they battle to get their own back on Hart for harassment, lack of career progression and bad behaviour.

The members of Little Theatre Company are thrilled to be giving this musical its regional premiere.

Louisa Strachan, who plays Doralee, said: "This show is so much fun and I love it as it's got something for everyone; from the music to the comedy, to the uplifting story of overcoming against the odds."

"As a bit of a Dolly fangirl, I'm feeling particularly privileged to be taking on the part she played herself. Doralee is such a sweet-natured, Texan girl, but she's also no fool – pretty close to how I perceive Dolly to be."



**TURNING THE TABLES:** Little Theatre Company's production of 9 to 5 The Musical

The show is directed by Jo Ellis-Bailey and her daughter, Sam, a member of the Chelmsford Ballet Company, who joins LTC and mum to choreograph the show.

For tickets, which cost £18 including a £1 booking fee, visit southendtheatres.org.uk or call the box office on 01702 351135.



SEARCH: Ashley Nelson

## Police burglary appeal

POLICE want to speak to a man in connection with an aggravated burglary in Southend.

Ashley Nelson, 29, is known to have links with south Essex, Romford and Norfolk, especially Norwich, and also

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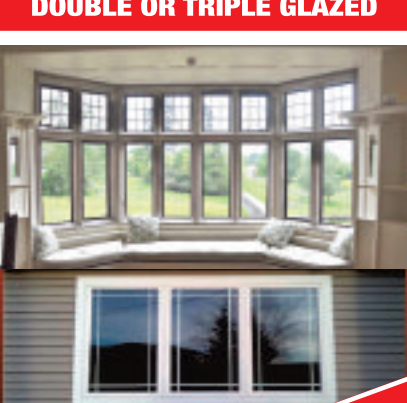
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## Leaving EU a key theme in this election

I WOULD like to thank Paul Martin (*Letters*, May 5) of Rayleigh for his response to my letter of the April 28.

Of course he is right to mention the many issues that must be considered when deciding for whom to vote, although I would mention that the housing shortage, education, and NHS problems could be partly due to the population increase brought about by the EU freedom of movement rules.

However, the issues that Paul mentions is exactly why I say that the election is about Brexit.

For the UK to regain and make our own decisions rather than pay into this dogmatic EU exclusive club is good enough reason for me to change my lifelong support of social parties who have now fallen apart due to weak policies and poor leadership.

Yes, we need to consider all issues and vote with our conscience and that as Paul says is democracy, as is my right

to have my opinion published. I would still prefer no deal to a bad deal.

I know from experience that a strongly supported negotiator has a better chance of getting a good deal and a weakly supported negotiator is destined to fail.

**Keith Little  
Benfleet**

## Brexit will not be what was promised

THERESA May's success does not depend on her superiority, but her opponent's inferiority.

Their general uselessness is astounding, even by politics' bathyspheric standards.

People are basically conservative with a small C, yet none of the parties recognise this simple truth, which is why left-wing Labour will fail and the Tories will trip over their own arrogance.

You can see the crashes about to happen in sickening slow motion as all the lying battle buses plunge off the cliff.

The Lib Dems and UKIP

don't have to worry about crashing – they are already busted and burned out.

There's nothing wrong with a Union flag unless it's a cloak for stupidity.

Brexit was nothing but a plot cooked up by a few old right-wingers who conned a lot of witless suckers to vote for it.

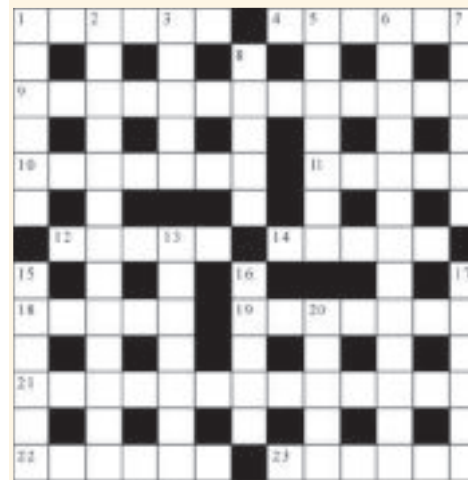
It had little to do with leaving Europe and everything to do with controlling what is left of the country.

So now, instead of prostrating ourselves before half a billion Europeans, we'll now be abasing ourselves before half a billion worldwide foreigners and their cosy little cartels instead and increased dealings with Asia, the Middle East, the commonwealth, India and Africa will mean increased immigration.

Brexit will achieve exactly the opposite of what was promised.

All we need now is for Europe to fall apart thanks to our leaving – a circumstance the idiot right is eagerly awaiting – and bang goes 60 per cent of our market.

**Paul Divine  
Westcliff**



### CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

1. Either leave the office or put your name to another contract (6)
4. Various plates required for this kind of diet (6)
9. So certain fuss will come from this peevish state (13)
10. Different signs I had put inside the shunting areas (7)
11. Line broken by a foreign body (5)
12. Being operated from the terminus efficiently (2,3)
14. Species of antelopes round the capital of Ethiopia (5)
18. Piper's destination was a converted sewer (5)
19. Shows some resistance to work attitudes (7)
21. Expressing one's ideas when cogitation is permitted, we hear (8,5)
22. Join up broken tinsel (6)
23. The girl gets an assortment of set papers (6)

### DOWN

1. Don't accept what has already been rejected (6)
2. Making no progress, but not having collapsed yet (8,5)
3. Make an entrance to be elected (3,2)
5. Describing one who has been willing to set up an Art Gallery (7)
6. One highly esteemed in the ring (8,5)
7. Mitigating the effect of wickedness in a troubled age (6)
8. Ask questions about one showing self-assurance (5)
13. More than one stoppage makes a violent impact (7)
15. Bandage what's been damaged before the end of the battle (6)
16. To have property in back-street built-up areas (5)
17. Oblique references to endlessly strange disease (6)
20. What those who steal eggs do when hungry? (5)

### QUICK CLUES ACROSS

1. Origin (6)
4. Abrade (6)
9. Outmodish (13)
10. Ardent (7)
11. Ancient (5)
12. Plump (5)
14. Substitute (5)
18. Accumulate (5)
19. Right (7)
21. Gem (8,5)
22. Espionage (6)
23. New (6)

### DOWN

1. Oppressive (6)
2. Unluckily (13)
3. Social class (5)
5. Outline (7)
6. Using both hands (13)
7. Exit (6)
8. Intelligent (5)
13. Defence (7)
15. Treeless plain (6)
16. Scrub (5)
17. Wait on (6)
20. Got up (5)

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Across: 1 Peacefulness; 7 Chair; 8 Grain; 9 Hue; 10 Dalliance; 11 Menace; 12 Depart; 15 Uppermost; 17 Hug; 18 Least; 19 Often; 21 Sharpshooter.  
Down: 1 Posthumously; 2 Era; 3 Unruly; 4 Negligent; 5 Stain; 6 Investigator; 7 Clean; 10 Decorator; 13 Ashen; 14 Joyous; 16 Peach; 20 Too.

#### CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS

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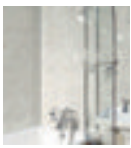
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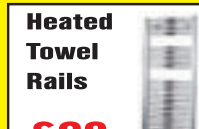
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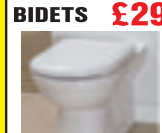
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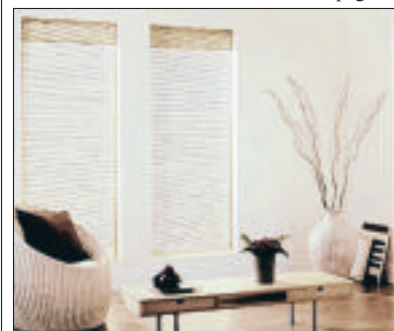
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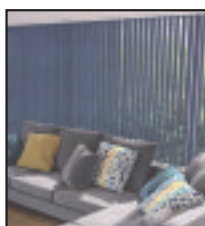
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The awards operate at national and local level with a UK Business of the Year, Category Business of the Year and Town Business of the Year.

The businesses which won in the category nationally can be very proud of its achievements.

With Regal Kitchens as the winner, this has certainly placed Chelmsford on the map for all the right reasons. Also on a local level, Indian Restaurant Live Dosa received 61 reviews, winning Best Business in Town and recruitment company Ascension Global Recruitment, which received 18 reviews, came third nationally.

Tom Boshier, from The bestof Chelmsford, said:

"We are incredibly proud of all our local businesses who qualified for the Chelmsford Business of the Year Awards.

"They received fantastic reviews from local people using their services.

"On behalf of the businesses I would like to

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For more about Regal Kitchens call its Chelmsford showroom, at 2 Navigation Road, on 01245 351151, or the Billericay showroom, at 2 Whitesbridge Retail Park, Crays Hill, on 01268 525922. Visit [www.regalkitchens.co.uk/essex-kitchens/](http://www.regalkitchens.co.uk/essex-kitchens/) or find it on Facebook.

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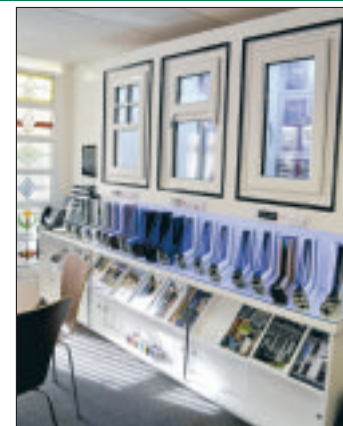
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# LIFESTYLE

By Liz Wade

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HOT on the heels of their sellout adult panto, Thurrock Courts Players present the hilarious Alan Ayckbourn play, *Bedroom Farce*.

Renowned for their high standards of production and performance, the Players' show is at Thameside Theatre, Grays, from Thursday to Saturday, May 18-20.

The plot follows Trevor and Susannah, a highly strung young couple in a volatile relationship, as they wreak havoc in the bedrooms of three other couples during one eventful night.

After causing a scene at young lovers Malcolm and Kate's housewarming party, Susannah runs to Trevor's parents Ernest and Delia, while Trevor presents himself to Nick and Jan - his ex - to try and make sense of his relationship.

This farce is hotly tipped to be the next Ayckbourn play revived in the West End following the success of *How The Other Half Loves*, which was performed by Thurrock Courts Players in 2012.

Players' member Torie Grayling said: "Ayckbourn always said he didn't write comedy, he wrote about real life, which just happened to be funny, and this play is no exception."

"The fast pace is a challenge not only for the actors but for the technical team as well with action taking part in various areas of the stage."

Set in the 1970s these four couples, and their intertwined relationships, provide a classic Ayckbourn-esque glimpse of love and marriage in its varying forms.

Other entertainment at Thameside Theatre, Grays, this month includes music from Patsy Cline and Friends, The Little Mix Experience, and children's entertainment including *The Elves and the Shoemaker*, *Teddy's Day on the Farm* and *The Wind In The Willows*.

Record-breaking recording artist Cline, spent 251 weeks in the country music album charts in the USA, and her velvet voice caught the imagination of Sue Lowry,



CAST: Thurrock Courts Players are performing Alan Ayckbourn's *Bedroom Farce* at Thameside Theatre, Grays

## MAY THE FARCE BE WITH YOU

turning her into a lifelong fan. Sue is at Thameside Theatre, on Thursday, May 25, when she will deliver renditions of *Crazy*, *Sweet Dreams*, *I Fall to Pieces* and other classic songs.

Sue will be joined by Marc Robinson and Lee Davidge.

Marc, renowned for playing Buddy Holly, will pay tribute to country legend Hank Williams with songs including *Howlin' at the*

Moon, *I Saw The Light* and *Rootie Tootie*, while Lee performs a sensitive tribute to Jim Reeves, with songs such as *Welcome To My World*, *Distant Drums* and *Bimbo*.

Two performances of *The Elves*

and *The Shoemaker* are on Saturday, May 27, at 11am and 2pm. Geoff is a loveable but forgetful retired shoemaker visited by two elf friends. With toe-tapping music, laugh-out-loud characters and beautiful puppetry, the elves help Geoff to remember his past.

Children aged three to six will be delighted with *Teddy's Day on the Farm*, on Tuesday, May 30.

Eddy The Teddy's best friend Sammy Ragdoll complains that Eddy never does anything for her so he decides to make her breakfast. However, she wants an egg and there are none in the kitchen.

Talented actors bring *Teddy's Day on the Farm* to the stage with theatre, mime, puppetry and songs.

Puppetry and mime will also be bringing the story of *The Wind in The Willows* to life at Thameside Theatre on Tuesday, May 30.

Kenneth Grahame's classic tale of - in the words of the author - "life, sunshine, running water, woodlands, dusty roads, winter firesides", starts with Mole who sets out to see the world having had enough of spring cleaning.

He meets Ratty, Badger and Mr Toad, who loves to be on the move. With original music and audience participation, see him travel by horse, caravan, barge and the motor car, two actors bring this classic story to life.

On Wednesday, May 31, The Little Mix Experience features four talented girls paying tribute to one of the UK's top girl bands.

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Packed with all Little Mix's greatest hits, including *DNA*, *Wings*, *Salute*, *Black Magic*, *Love Me Like You* and *Secret Love Song*, the show will be suitable for all ages.

■ For tickets to see these shows at the Grays theatre, visit [www.thurrock.gov.uk/thameside-theatre](http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/thameside-theatre) or call the box office on 0345 300 5264. A selection of tickets to see *Bedroom Farce* are held by the Thurrock Court Players. If the theatre does not have any available, call 07475 634474.

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**ALIEN: COVENANT (15, 122 mins)**

If Ridley Scott's seminal 1979 sci-fi horror *Alien* and the anthology it spawned teach us anything, it's that in the inky void of space, everyone can hear your bloodcurdling screams.

*Alien: Covenant* confirms another disheartening fact: every time the thrice Oscar nominated director from South Shields revisits his beautifully stylised universe, he tarnishes the golden lustre of the original.

Set approximately 10 years after the humdrum events of the 2012 prequel *Prometheus*, this battle royale between humanity and cinema's most perfect killing machine compounds artistic sins by hardwiring into our nostalgia for Scott's other sci-fi masterpiece, *Blade Runner*.

Do androids dream of electric sheep? No, they fantasize about something far grander here – gods and acid-blooded monsters – evidenced by a quasi-philosophical and ponderous prologue that loudly trumpets a central motif – creation.

It's a bitter irony, then, that Scott and his vast array of technical wizards spend the next two hours committing an act of plodding and ponderous recreation.

*Covenant* labours in the shadow of earlier films and has been crudely bolted together by screenwriters John Logan and Dante Harper with derivative action set-pieces that give birth to a new hybrid of extraterrestrial nasty – the neomorph – with translucent milky skin and a gait more akin to humans.

Or as one character pithily describes us: "a dying species, grasping for resurrection".

The action initially unfolds on the Weyland-Yutani Corporation vessel *Covenant*, which is bound for a

remote planet with 15 crew and 2,000 colonists in cryogenic stasis.

Synthetic android Walter (Michael Fassbender) keeps watch until a neutrino burst from a star causes a "destructive event" that prematurely wakes the crew including devoutly religious first mate Christopher Oram (Billy Crudup) and his biologist wife Karine

(Carmen Ejogo), chief pilot Tennessee (Danny McBride), head of security Lope (Demian Bichir) and the captain's plucky wife, Daniels (Katherine Waterston).

They stumble upon a distress signal containing a snippet of John Denver's classic *Take Me Home, Country Roads*, broadcast from a nearby planet that sensors reveal would make an idyllic new home.

"It's too good to be true," warns Daniels as a landing party prepares to investigate.

*Alien: Covenant* joins the dots to the original trilogy with strong echoes of Sigourney Weaver's exploits as Ripley, meekly mimicked here by Waterston.

Jump-out-of-your-seat scares have been eradicated from the picture's DNA and the script's sleight of hand is clumsy.

In the year 2104, characters are evidently none the wiser about the tattered rules of surviving a horror film – don't have sex, don't wander off alone, don't assume the killer is dead – and sign their death warrants with hilarious predictability.

Before Scott nestles in the director's chair for another instalment, he should take heed of Daniels' doom-laden words: "It's a monumental risk not worth taking."

Released: May 12  
RATING: 5/10

IT'S ABOUT TO GET MESSY: Michael Fassbender as David/Walter in *Alien: Covenant*  
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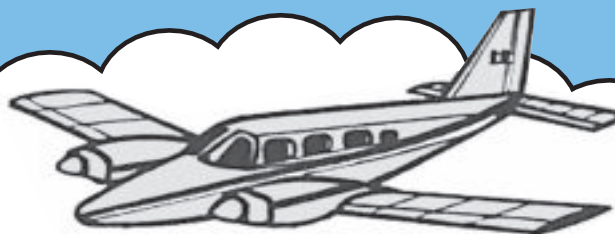
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### Friday, May 12

- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz Duo – San Fairie Ann, Alexander Street, Southend, 8.15pm. Details 01702 348088.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevenen Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am, 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

### Saturday, May 13

- Coffee Morning – Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Benfleet, SS7 4BS. 10 am to noon.
- Quiches, coffee and tea – Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, 10.30am-12.30pm.
- Rayleigh History Walk – from Rayleigh Windmill, off Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED, 3pm, £2 per person. Details 01268 775328.
- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The

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- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 3EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for stroke victims, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.

### Sunday, May 14

- Open Day – Grenfell Preschool, South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay, CM11 2PR. 10am to noon. Admission free.
- Jazz Workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old fire station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Waterside Sports Centre, Sommes Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. 10.30am-3.45pm. £1 each per ride, weather-permitting.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 10am to noon. Membership £3.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (age 3 - 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.

### Monday, May 15

- Ron Spack's Jazztet – John Sealey, saxophone, Alex Boyle, keyboard,

- Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Southend, 8.30pm. Details 01702 512819.
- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.
- Green bowls – Mopsies Park, Vange, details 01268 558756.
- Coffee Morning and sale of goods – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queen's Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Felmoore area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or just turn up.
- Dance Class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
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- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
- Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call 01702 343611 or 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777666.
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- Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity, 1st 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
- Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.
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### Tuesday, May 16

- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Rd, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
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FOR SALE

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## Southend On Sea £575 pcm



- First floor apartment
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- Off street parking

## Southend On Sea £600 pcm



- Newly converted apartment
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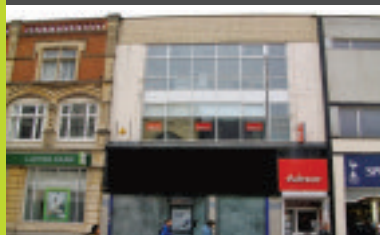
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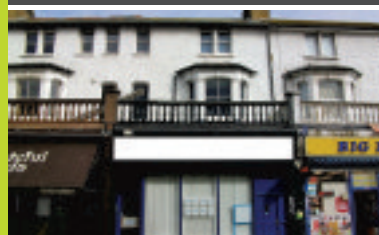
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- MODERN UNIT
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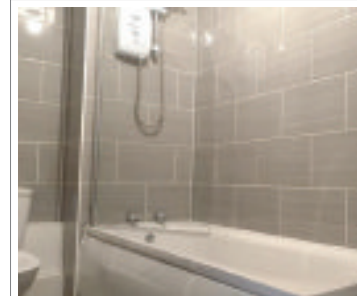
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- Gas Heating



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£1,100,000 - 5 Bedrooms

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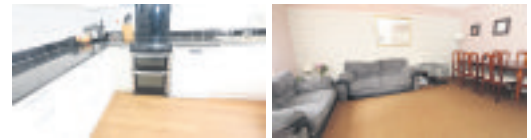


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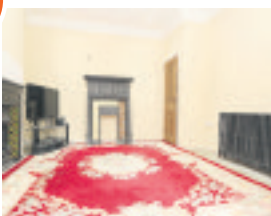
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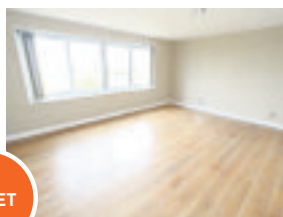
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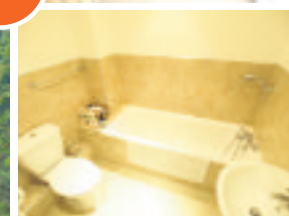
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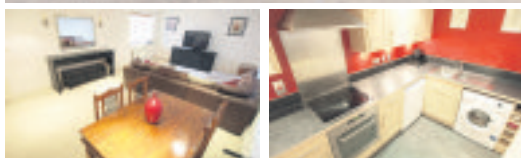
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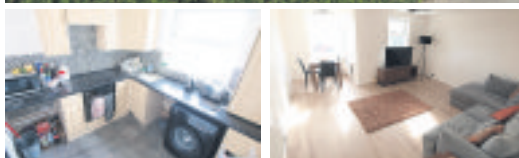
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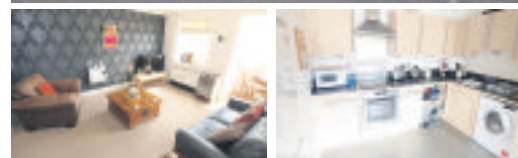
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### Tip #1 - Take a Step Back

First, view the property as a whole. Approach it from the pavement or driveway in the same way as a viewer would and pick out anything that's negative as you walk up to the front door. Anything you pick up on is likely to be noticed by a viewer so take note and prioritise them in order of severity.

### Tip #2 - Taking Care of the Garden

The front lawn will always be a selling point. Disrepair sends out signals the property owner doesn't care and alerts viewers to look for other issues. Ensure grass is well-trimmed, doesn't have patchy spots, and reseed if required. Plants must be healthy, and weeds eliminated. Apply this also to the back garden otherwise it may look like you've worked on the front garden just to impress viewers.

### Tip #3 - Repainting

Older properties will have small issues when it comes to presentation. After all, paint tends to peel after time. During your walk up to the house look for cracks or flaking to painted areas. Retouch with new paint to ensure they don't catch the eye of your viewer, taking care to match colours.

### Tip #4 - The Little Things

Pay attention to little things that can make a big impression on a viewer. If an area at the front of the house looks uninviting try to make it more appealing. Don't overdo it, as part of the viewing process is to help the viewer visualise themselves in it, but a small personal touch can show potential in many ways.

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**THUNDERSLEY  
£280,000**

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## BMW leads the electric car charge

By Patrick James

THE spark needed to generate an electric car boom is still not quite here, despite manufacturers taking giant steps forward.

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But batteries are getting better and innovations like the petrol engine range extender on this BMW i3 and a growth in fast charging points are making the proposition more viable.

The i3 supermini is the first fully electric car from BMW.

At around £30,000 for the electric only and nearer £35,000 with range extender, a small two cylinder engine which cuts in to charge the battery when the power is low.

It is an affordable car when you take into account the government £4,500 discount for electric vehicles.

On a full charge it is claimed the range is around 190 miles. Add the range extender, which kicks in when power is low, and the nine litres of petrol continue to

keep the charging level constant thus extending the range by around 81 miles.

This delivers a staggering if theoretical 470mpg. In the real world I estimated around 130mpg electric/petrol before my nerve gave out and refilled with petrol.

The combination of lithium battery and motor produces around 170bhp and delivers startling acceleration.

The instant 250Nm of torque to the rear wheels from electric power, means the car can hit 60mph in around eight seconds.

The exterior features signature unique LED headlights either side of the instantly-recognisable kidney-shaped grille.

The interior has the usual fixtures you would expect from BMW, including the i-Drive controller which sits on a centre console between the two seats.

The i3 features all the usual goodies and add-ons you would expect from a conventional car, just use them sparingly when the power meter shows lows.

The luggage compartment offers a miserly 260 litres, but opens up to an impressive 1,100



JUST PLUG IT IN: The BMW i3 Range Extender

litres with the rear seats folded down.

On a long test drive and when the power is falling, the driver can save around 15 per cent by selecting ECO PRO mode and by the same again in ECO PRO+ mode, which limits speed and acceleration. The only drawback for me was the harsh suspension.

Like all BMWs there are plenty of options at a cost, including trim grades of Standard, Loft, Lodge and Suite, each allowing the owner to change the look and feel of the interior and all feature sustainable materials like natural fibres and naturally tanned leather.

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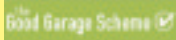
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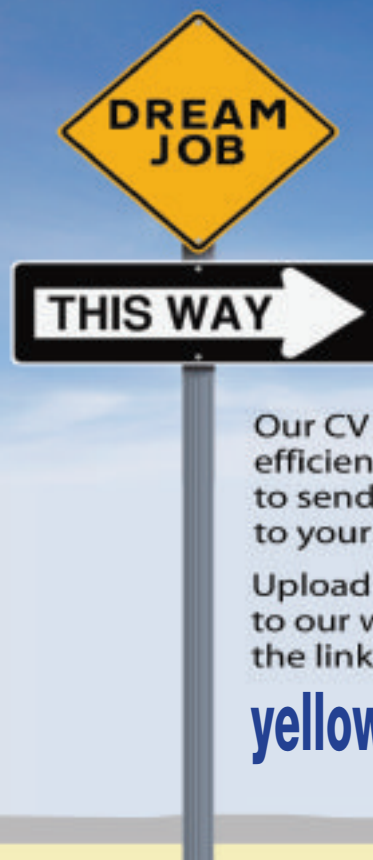
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## THE BIG MATCH

### HAMMERS v LIVERPOOL

Premier League  
London Stadium  
Sunday, May 14 (2.15pm)



## Hammers safe as Spurs' title hopes are left in tatters

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### Football

**West Ham United 1  
Tottenham Hotspur 0**  
Brian Jeeves reporting  
from the London Stadium

A SECOND-HALF goal from Manuel Lanzini earned West Ham an unexpected victory over Tottenham Hotspur at the London Stadium on Friday evening, securing the Hammers' Premier League status and almost certainly ending Spurs hopes of the title.

Injury-hit West Ham went into the game unbeaten in four games, having drawn their last three, but still looking over their shoulder at the relegation places.

The Hammers were again without Andy Carroll and Michail Antonio, while Arthur Masuaku also missed out with a foot injury.

Tottenham arrived in east London off the back of a comfortable derby success over Arsenal, brimming with confidence having won each of their previous nine Premier League outings and looking to close the gap on leaders Chelsea to a single point ahead of the weekend's matches.

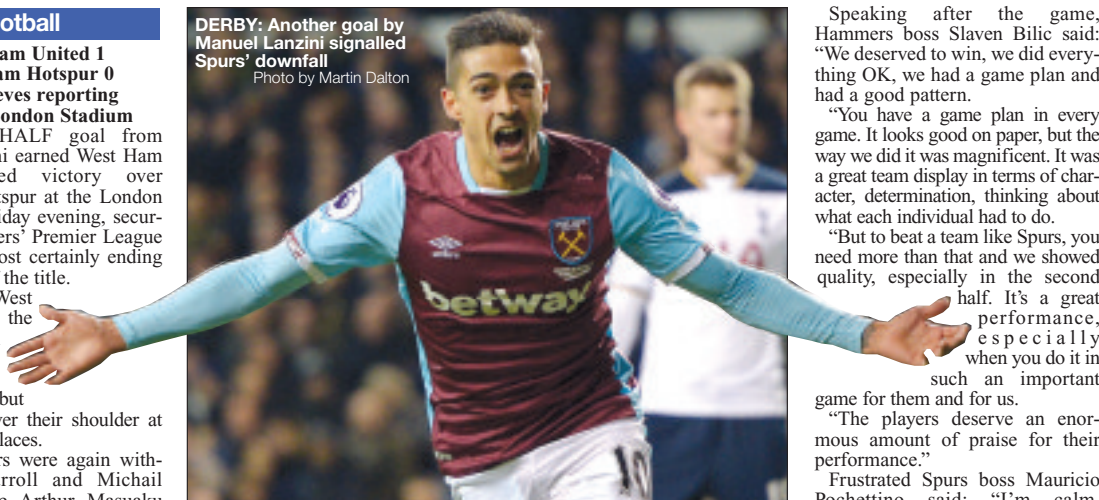
Spurs recalled Kyle Walker back into the starting 11, while Harry Kane was looking to add to his 21 league goals to date.

There was certainly a raucous atmosphere ringing around the London Stadium, with the Hammers faithful determined to witness their charges put a spanner in the Spurs title challenge. And the tempo went up several notches as Kane and Lanzini passed up reasonable half-chances during a frantic opening spell.

West Ham appeared to be enjoy-

**DERBY:** Another goal by Manuel Lanzini signalled Spurs' downfall

Photo by Martin Dalton



ing the better of the early exchanges. Cheikhou Kouyate should have done better, nodding directly at Hugo Lloris after finding himself unchallenged.

Meanwhile, Adrian did exceptionally well to thwart Kane twice in quick succession as Spurs offered a meaningful threat of their own.

The home crowd were fuming when Lloris raced from his goal and appeared to floor Lanzini in the process of clearing, while at the other end both Toby Alderweireld and Christian Eriksen narrowly shot wide as Spurs began to turn the screw.

Andre Ayew fired over after Sam Byram had centred as West Ham created the first opening of the second period. Meanwhile, Adrian saved from Eriksen and Heung-Min Son as Spurs struggled for a breakthrough of their own against a Hammers backline that had displayed rather more resolve of late.

Just after the hour mark West Ham stunned the visitors. Lanzini was on hand to fire home from close range after Ayew's effort had been blocked, sending the vast majority inside the Hammers new home into frenzied celebrations.

Spurs threw on Mousa Dembele and Vincent Janssen in a desperate attempt to get back into the match. But only a stunning save by Lloris to deny Jonathan Calleri prevented the fired-up Hammers from doubling their advantage.

Eriksen whistled a left-footed effort wide as Spurs pressed forward in the final stages. But it was all to no avail. Substitute Ashley Fletcher should have sewn the contest up with a stoppage-time attempt that drifted wide. But the home side was not to be denied arguably their most famous success during an otherwise torrid campaign at the London Stadium.

Speaking after the game, Hammers boss Slaven Bilic said: "We deserved to win, we did everything OK, we had a game plan and had a good pattern."

"You have a game plan in every game. It looks good on paper, but the way we did it was magnificent. It was a great team display in terms of character, determination, thinking about what each individual had to do."

"But to beat a team like Spurs, you need more than that and we showed quality, especially in the second half. It's a great performance, especially when you do it in such an important game for them and for us."

"The players deserve an enormous amount of praise for their performance."

Frustrated Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino said: "I'm calm. Disappointed, of course, because we missed an opportunity to reduce the gap with Chelsea. It wasn't our best day."

West Ham are next in Premier League action on Sunday, May 14 when Liverpool are the visitors to the London Stadium (2.15pm).

**West Ham United:** Adrian, Winston Reid, Aaron Cresswell, Cheikhou Kouyate, Manuel Lanzini (Edimilson Fernandes 90+2'), Mark Noble (Capt), James Collins, Andre Ayew (Robert Snodgrass 84'), Sam Byram, Jose Fonte, Jonathan Calleri (Ashley Fletcher 89'). Subs not used: Darren Randolph, Havard Nordveit, Sofiane Feghoul, Declan Rice.

**Tottenham Hotspur:** Hugo Lloris (Capt), Kyle Walker (Keiran Trippier 79'), Toby Alderweireld, Jan Vertonghen (Mousa Dembele 67'), Heung-Min Son, Harry Kane, Victor Wanyama (Vincent Janssen 73'), Eric Dier, Dele Alli, Christian Eriksen, Ben Davies. Subs not used: Michel Vorm, Georges-Kevin N'Koudou, Moussa Sissoko, Kevin Wimmer.

**Referee:** Anthony Taylor  
**Assistants:** Gary Beswick and Marc Perry  
**Fourth Official:** Bobby Madley  
**Attendance:** 66,992

### Non-league round-up

## Local footy mourns Trinity founder Roy

By Brian Jeeves

TRIBUTES have been paid to Roy Plummer, founder of the Southend-based Trinity Football Club, who died suddenly at home aged 70.

Having established the club in 1960, Mr Plummer played a huge role in ensuring that Trinity became one of the area's best-known clubs, offering organised football to players of all ages.

One-time Trinity player Stuart Leslie told *Yellow Sport*: "I first met Roy when I was seven years old playing football at Bournes Green Park. He offered me and my mates a big bar of chocolate each every Sunday morning if we would stand behind the goal cheering Trinity on."

"After I signed for Trinity I realised what a genuinely lovely man he was. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him. He was always there to give advice or lend a hand. He raised so much money for charity through his sportsman evenings and I met some fantastic people thanks to him."

Mr Leslie added: "I actually cried when I received the call to tell me he had passed away. I only saw him the week before at a dinner with Alastair Cook for charity. Typical of Roy, still doing things for others right until the end."

"I will miss him so much and there are not many people you can say that about."

Another former Trinity man, Chris Leech, said: "I'm devastated. Roy was our 'Mr Football'. He did so much for the game in this area. A lot of people are going to miss him."

There were mixed fortunes for the region's clubs participating in National League play-off matches. Dagenham & Redbridge were held to a 1-1 draw in their first-leg tie with Forest Green Rovers at Victoria Road.

Forest Green grabbed the lead when Daggers keeper Mark Cousins felled Omar Bugiel.

Liam Noble converted the spot-kick for the Gloucestershire outfit. But Dagenham ensured they travelled to the New Lawn ground on level terms when Jordan Maguire-Drew found the net shortly before the break.

But it was not to be the Daggers' year. First-half goals from former Daggers man Christian Doidge and one from Keanu Marsh-Brown ensured it was Forest Green who progressed to a Wembley final with Tranmere Rovers following a 2-0 success.

There was better news for National League South promotion hopefuls Chelmsford City.

The Clarets and Darts played out a tense goalless draw in front of a season's best crowd of 1,650 in the first leg at the Melbourne Stadium.

Another huge crowd of 2,622 turned out at Dartford's Princes Park to witness Chelmsford set up a final date with Ebbsfleet United thanks to second-half goals from Louie Theophanous and Chris Dickson. Duane Ofori Acheampong pulled one back for the hosts in stoppage time, but it was City who progressed.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Frenford Senior emphatically win their Premier Division clash at Bishop's Stortford Swifts by five goals to two.

Kelvedon Hatch were 3-1 winners over Buckhurst Hill, while Manford Way triumphed by the odd goal in three at Harold Wood Athletic.

Elsewhere in the Premier Division, Brett Munyard bagged a brace and Luke Skinner was also on target as White Ensign won 3-2 at May & Baker E.C. Meanwhile, Springfield were 4-1 winners over Harold Hill and Ross Webster scored the only goals at Rayleigh Town edged out Leigh Ramblers.

Division One champions Basildon Town slipped to a surprise defeat at AFC Shenfield at the Basildon Sports & Leisure Club.

Jack Main with the Town goal. Catholic United picked up maximum points with a 4-2 success over Old Chelmsfordians.

## Basildon Town presented with league champions trophy



**BASILDON** Town first team (pictured) and reserves were presented with their league champions trophies on Saturday, May 6 by league chairman Brian Stubbings

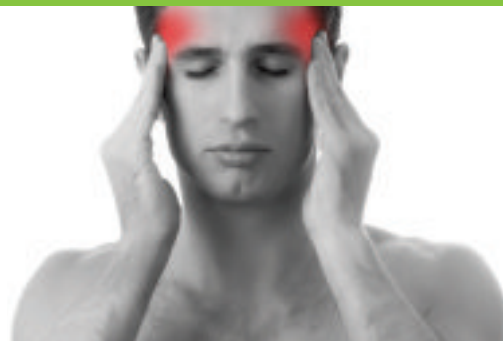
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